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12. (Amended) A method for treating papermachine fabric having one of synthetic yarns and fibres, the method including the step of continuously subjecting at least one surface of one of a layer and a component of the fabric to solvent free plasma treatment in a plasma chamber having a water free atmosphere and self-sealing fabric entry and exit openings.

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13. (Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein said plasma treatment includes one of glow discharge, dielectric barrier discharge and spray discharge plasma to provide activated sites for subsequent coating or dyeing.

15. (Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the plasma contains one of a silane, a siloxane, and a perfluorocarbon.

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16. (Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the plasma contains a silane of $\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_4$.

17. (Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the plasma contains a siloxane of $\text{Si}(\text{OCH}_3)_4$.

18. (Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the plasma contains a perfluorocarbon of 1-6C perfluoroalkane, tetrafluoroethylene, or a combination thereof.

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21. (Twice amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the plasma includes helium.